## Sustainable INL News

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## Conserving energy for a big win

o jumpstart energy-savings measures at the laboratory, the Sustainable INL Program is launching a pilot energy reduction competition. Because INL has diverse facilities, often the energy needs of one facility cannot be easily compared to the needs of another. In an attempt to compare facilities with similar energy needs, the competition this year gives residents at in-town administrative facilities (EROB, WCB and IAB) the opportunity to participate in an interfacility energy reduction competition.

In future years, the competition will focus on other INL facilities, including in-town industrial and desert Site facilities.

The competition will run from Feb. 8 to May 8.

During these three months, the Sustainable INL Program will monitor energy use at each building. The facility that most reduces its historical energy usage per square foot wins! The monthly winning facility will be treated to donuts, while the facility that has the largest overall energy

reduction for the entire three months will win a buildingwide pizza lunch courtesy of the Sustainable INL Program.

Just as small steps to lessen your energy use at home can reduce your personal energy bill and carbon footprint, there is adequate light for interior work space.

- Designing energy-saving measures into new building designs or modifications for existing buildings.
- Procuring energy-saving

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Have an innovative idea to save energy in your facility or at other INL work areas? Send it to conserve @inl.gov.

following similar measures at INL facilities helps move the laboratory toward economic and environmental sustainability goals. All employees can work toward INL's sustainability goals, whether or not they work in a facility participating in this year's competition. Some steps employees can take are:

- Turning off computers, lamps or overhead lights at the end of the work day or when not needed.
- Replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs when practical.
- Taking advantage of natural daylight by turning off or dimming electric lighting when

office equipment.

- Turning off printers, photocopiers and other electronic equipment at the end of the day.
- Encouraging co-workers to adopt similar energysavings measures.

If you have other ideas to reduce energy at your workspace or other INL facilities, send them to conserve@inl.gov. These approaches to conserving energy could help your facility win a prize. And these steps will certainly help INL move down the path toward economic and environmental sustainability.



